

# ORGANIZES TO BUILD IMMENSE STEEL PLANT

## Utah Iron & Coal Company the Name of a New Corporation Acquiring Big Holdings.

### Trust May Be Back of It—Senator A. B. Lewis Only Person Publicly Known at Present.

ANNOUCEMENT was made yesterday by State Senator A. B. Lewis that a powerful eastern syndicate had acquired heavy holdings of Utah iron and coal land and would spend \$25,000,000 to build an opening of the mines, building railroads, and in putting up an immense steel plant. To this end the Utah Iron & Coal company will be incorporated this week under the laws of Colorado. It will have a capital of \$20,000,000, and will issue bonds to an equal amount. The bond issue is to be placed in the market, to furnish funds for the work.

Mr. Lewis declines absolutely to tell whom he represents, except that they are experts in the iron business, and simply able to furnish the vast amount of capital necessary for the undertaking. Information from other sources leads to the belief that they are connected with the United States Steel corporation.

### May Mean Great Struggle.

Should this be true, it may mean the beginning of a gigantic struggle between J. Pierpont Morgan and John D. Rockefeller. Morgan controls the steel trust. Rockefeller has just gained control of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company. The proposed plant would be in direct competition with the Colorado corporation. Unless there should be a division of territory, giving the Utah company all west of the continental divide, a bitter warfare would be likely to be precipitated. In the initial cost of production, the Utah company would have an enormous advantage.

"At the present time I am able to state but little," said Senator Lewis yesterday. "I am not the principal in the transaction. I am acting for a syndicate of eastern men who are experts in the iron business and who are amply able to supply all the money necessary for an extensive plant. They have told me to go ahead with the preliminary moves, and all the money needed would be forthcoming. I have secured over 5,000 acres of iron land in Utah. They are talking of putting in \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000. The plant will include blast furnaces, rail mills, and other works for the manufacture of different kinds of steel products on an extensive scale, the capacity being considerably over 2,000 tons daily.

"Within a few days the articles of incorporation of the Utah Iron & Coal company will be filed in Colorado. The capital stock will be \$20,000,000, all common shares. There will be a bond issue of \$20,000,000 at least pending the putting in of the plant. Some inkling of the identity of the backers of the enterprise may be gained there.

The iron properties on which options are now held by Senator Lewis include the holdings of Matthew Cullen, the Allen G. Campbell estate, Patrick and Denis Ryan, James McGarry, the Corry brothers, Frank E. McGurran and brothers, the Duffy property and the holdings of the Utah Iron company, as well as others. This makes a total of over 5,000 acres in the heart of the Iron Mountain and Iron Springs districts. The coal lands secured are scattered from the southern part of the state to the center. Senator Lewis says that much of the coal is of a good coking variety.

The location of the plant has not yet been settled, but it will necessarily be where there is plenty of water. The works will require an immense amount and there will be more needed to supply the city which will be built up around the plant.

### Employment For Thousands.

Employment for many thousands of men, with a monthly payroll aggregating several hundred thousand dollars, will be given. These men, with their families, and the persons who will supply their needs, will make an enormous increase in the population of Utah, building up a large city wherever they may be.

Should there be fierce competition, with anything like low railroad rates, the new company would be able to undersell the Colorado Fuel & Iron company all through its territory. A rate of one cent for a mile, which is much higher than is given out of Pittsburgh, would enable the Utah Fuel & Iron company to lay down its product in Colorado for approximately \$2.50 a ton when the Moffat road is completed and to put it in Chicago at \$5.50 a ton freight rates. The cost of production is so much lower in Utah, owing to the close proximity, high grade and immense quantities of the iron and coal, that the Utah company could sell its product throughout the Colorado company's territory for what it costs the latter, and still make a handsome profit.

### Bessemer Pig For \$4.72.

Steel experts figure that a large plant in Utah, making its coke at the works and using the by-products, can make Bessemer pig iron at \$4.72 a ton, the lowest cost in the United States. It costs \$8.25 a ton to make pig iron in Colorado, according to the best information obtainable here. The Utah company could lay its product down in Pueblo for \$8.25 a ton, with low freight rates. The cost to the United States Steel corporation is \$7.20 a ton and upward in its various works. The cost in Birmingham is \$8.00 a ton, and in the Senago and Mahoning valleys of Pennsylvania, independent furnaces are producing Bessemer pig at a cost of \$7.53 a ton. The market price in Pittsburgh is around \$18 a ton.

The Utah plant will in all probability make its first efforts to enter the trade of the intermountain region and the Pacific coast. It is estimated that the Pacific coast alone is consuming annually 400,000 tons of pig iron and 300,000 tons of steel rails. With the increase in population and the lowering of cost by the new plant it is expected that the consumption will be greatly increased. The trade of the Orient will also be sought, the new plant having every advantage in the way of initial cost and low transportation.

### Cost of Plant.

The blast furnaces alone for the proposed works, should the capacity be 2,000 tons daily, would cost \$1,000,000. The by-product coke ovens would cost over \$2,000,000. A 2,000-ton rail mill would cost \$2,000,000. Other expenses in erecting the plant would be approximately \$1,000,000. A total of \$5,000,000 exclusive of working capital, cost of ore and coke properties, expense of opening them, and the cost of building a railroad for assembling the materials.

The cost of the road will depend on the location of the plant. The construction of works to make structural steel, rails and other products will greatly increase the investment.

### To Hold Meeting Soon.

The papers are ready and will be filed soon, as the first meeting, for the purpose of organizing, is to be held the second week in July. Some inkling of the identity of the backers of the enterprise may be gained there.

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### Disaster Feared.

Steamer Minnetonka Is Now Six Days Overdue.

San Francisco, June 27.—Fear is rapidly growing that the overdue steamer Minnetonka has met with disaster. She is now thirty-one days out of Corvallis, being six days overdue, and shipping men are doing a good deal of speculation as to her fate.

Reinsurance today is 18 per cent, with a tendency to go higher. It is pointed out that the Minnetonka was probably off Valparaiso, Chile, about the time of the severe storm that was recently reported to have occurred there.

The French bark Verajean, which has been on the overdue list for nearly two weeks, arrived at Sydney today. The vessel was 14 days making the voyage from Bahia Blanca to the Australian port and reinsurance was quoted at 50 per cent.

### AIR-TIGHT LICENSE LAW.

Nashville, Tenn., June 27.—The supreme court has held the Adams law, passed at the last session of the legislature to be unconstitutional. The law is a temperance law and provides for the abolition of saloons in all towns having a population of 5,000 or under, upon a submission of the question to popular vote. The state is only eight towns in the state that are exempt from its operation.



HARD AT WORK ON MUCH NEEDED COPY.

## WILL POCKET THE SNUB

### State Department Determined to Present Jewish Petition to Russia.

Washington, June 27.—The officials of the state department assert positively that a close examination of precedents justified the presentation by the president of the United States of the Jewish petition to the Russian government, and that no government has a right to object to the presentation of such a petition, nor has the government a right to object to the presentation of such a petition, nor has the government a right to object to the presentation of such a petition.

## BUSY KEEPING SILVER DOWN

### State Department Has Been Greatly Worried Lest the Philippine Coinage Should Raise the Price of the White Metal.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—The state department, through Judge Penfield, the solicitor, at an adroit move has broken what appeared to be a corner in the silver market. When the Mexican government recently deposited \$1,423,000 in Mexican silver in the National Bank of Mexico subject to the draft of the United States in payment of the Pious award, the state department was confronted with the necessity of turning the money into United States cash and depositing it here. For some time silver brokers have been watching the elections, and when they were applied to the department was informed that the money would be used to pay the Pious award, and the state department was greatly worried lest the Philippine coinage should raise the price of the white metal.

## TWO RAILWAY WRECKS

### One Train Struck a Cow and the Other Ran into an Open Switch.

Richmond, Va., June 27.—The "Cannon Ball" train on the Norfolk & Western, which left here this morning for Norfolk, derailed near Petersburg on a freight train standing on the track. The engineer and fireman of the passenger train were killed; the conductor's arm was broken, and the passengers were badly shaken up.

The wreck was caused by an open switch. Both engines were badly smashed. Engineer Covington of the Cannon Ball and his nephew, Fireman Robert Covington, were both instantly killed. The engineer of the freight train killed himself by jumping. No passengers were seriously hurt. Conductors of the Cannon Ball had his collarbone and arm broken, and R. E. Hawkins, express messenger, was painfully hurt, and J. P. Palmer of Richmond was badly bruised.

## HARVEY LOGAN ONCE MORE AT LARGE.

Knoxville, Tenn., June 27.—Harvey Logan, the Montana train robber, under sentence of twenty years' imprisonment, escaped from the Knox county jail this afternoon at 5 o'clock. While his guard's back was turned, Logan threw a wire over his head and lassoed him, tying him tight to the bars of the cage. Having one entire floor of the jail to himself, Logan next secured two pistols that had been placed in the corridor of the jail for use by officers if needed. When Jailer Bell appeared in answer to a knock from Logan, the prisoner passed over a bottle, saying he wanted some medicine. As the jailer put out his hand to get it, Logan covered him with a pistol, forced him to unlock the door and take him to the basement of the jail. Then he forced Bell to take him to the sheriff's stable and saddle the sheriff's horse. This done, Logan mounted and rode away in the direction of the mountains. A posse started in pursuit of the desperado within one hour.

## KILLED A FELLOW PRISONER

### Jim Dougherty, Condemned to Die Aug. 14, Cut the Throat of Roger Williams and Then Committed Suicide.

Hot Springs, Ark., June 27.—Jim Dougherty, condemned to die Aug. 14 for the murder of Chief of Detectives Jack Donahue here on Christmas day last, today deliberately assaulted with a razor and killed Roger Williams, a fellow prisoner in the county jail, and the leader of the men arrested on the charge of perpetrating foot-race swindles. Dougherty was searching for relief of a razor three weeks ago during his trial, and he held Williams responsible for this action of the officers. Today, while Williams was stooping over a wash basin, washing his face, Dougherty approached from behind and, reaching close under and across his victim's abdomen, brought the razor across, making a gash two inches long.

## MURDERER GOES FREE

### Uinta County, Wyo., Could Not Stand the Expense of a Third Trial.

(Special to The Herald.)  
Evanston, Wyo., June 27.—M. W. Foley, convicted of murdering a man in a dance hall at Kemmerer and sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary, who was granted a new trial by the supreme court a few weeks ago, will probably be liberated.

The first trial of Foley held in this county, resulted in a disagreement and the case was taken to Carbon county. Uinta county footing the bills to the extent of over \$100,000. A like sum will be required to defray the expenses of the third hearing. It is said that the state's leaving witness is dead, and as several others have left the state and probably could not be found, it would be difficult to secure a conviction.

The county commissioners have not appropriated the necessary funds to conduct the new trial, and it is believed from good authority that the case will probably be dropped.

It is predicted that Foley will soon be a free man. He has Belle Fisher, keeper of the dance hall in which the killing took place, and who is said to have been Foley's mistress, to thank for his good luck. He is said to have spent large sums of money in the defense of Foley, both at the trials and in getting the witnesses out of the country. She also served a term in jail and paid a heavy fine, being found guilty of attempting to bribe the jury.

## HARVEST HANDS ARE WANTED IN KANSAS

Topeka, Kan., June 27.—Governor Bailey today telegraphed to the officials of the Western Traffic association in Chicago, urging the roads in that association to grant immediately a 1-cent rate for harvest hands from Chicago and St. Louis to points in the Kansas wheat belt. This is the same rate which now exists from Missouri river points, and the railroads have steadfastly refused to agree to its adoption any further east.

"I sent an urgent message," said Governor Bailey, "and I sent it where it ought to do some good. It is a question which applies equally to all western roads."

## GROWTH OF STUDY OF FRENCH IN AMERICA

Paris, June 27.—M. Chaumie, minister of public instruction, today received James H. Hyde of the French Alliance of the United States. Mr. Hyde explained the remarkable growth of the study of the French language and French literature in the American universities and urged the French government to increase the number of professors sent to America until they equal the number which Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia and Chicago universities send to France. M. Chaumie is considering the proposition.

## WILL PETITION CONGRESS.

Topeka, Kan., June 27.—Congressman Miller spent today at St. Mary's in conference with the people in that section about the proposal to have the Kaw river straightened. The river is very crooked in the vicinity of St. Mary's and Mr. Miller will ask congress to send engineers to see what can be done. The Kaw river is a navigable stream and congress, Mr. Miller says, may be induced to give it attention.

## UNDERWRITERS MAKE AN EXTENSIVE HAUL

Philadelphia, June 27.—The time limit for subscribing to the Pennsylvania company's issue of \$75,000,000 of new stock expired today at noon. It was not possible to obtain exact figures, and it is not likely that an official announcement will be made before next Tuesday. It is known, however, that virtually all of the stock has been subscribed and the Speyer-Kuhn-Loeb underwriting syndicate will have little more to do than collect about \$2,000,000 commissions.

## INVITATION ACCEPTED.

Stockholm, June 27.—Sweden today officially accepted the invitation to participate in the St. Louis fair. Previously Sweden had twice declined, but through the efforts of Minister Thomas it is now definitely decided that she will be represented.

## MURDER CHARGE AGAINST HIM

### Notorious "Lord" Barrington Under Arrest at St. Louis.

## BODY OF THE VICTIM FOUND

### EVIDENCE APPEARS TO BE ALMOST MOST CONCLUSIVE.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 27.—The nude body of a man was discovered floating in the water of a deserted stone quarry near Bonifant station, St. Louis county, this afternoon. Description had set in and the remains were hardly recognizable. An empty pocketbook, several envelopes, some cartridges and a pair of low-cut shoes were found on the body. Mrs. Barrington identified the body. The police have taken into custody "Lord Barrington," with whom McCann was last seen alive. He is held awaiting the result of the investigation being made by the police. After the disappearance of Mr. McCann, Barrington was taken into custody by the St. Louis police, but, despite the fact that he told conflicting stories, he was later released, the authorities finding no positive proof of guilt.

### Evidence of Guilt.

Charles W. Morrison, a negro servant at the Leland hotel, kept by Mr. Barrington, told the police that he noticed that his clothes were muddy and bloody. He said to me, 'Here, get my clothes quick and wash them and get all the spots out of them and put them where nobody will see them.'

When Morrison asked where McCann was, Barrington replied: 'He has gone off. He may never come back. I'm going to run the house while he is gone. If he ever does come back I'll kill him.'

### McCann's Trunk Found.

A trunk belonging to Barrington was captured by the police at Union station, where it had been taken today by Barrington preparatory to leaving the city. In the trunk were found a watch and rings belonging to McCann.

At a late hour tonight Chief of Detectives Desmond was sweating the suspected man. Barrington finally admitted that he went with McCann to the St. Louis, Mo., Charles & Western railroad on the night of June 18, but says he does not know where he got off. He admitted, however, that he and McCann got into a fight, and he admitted that he walked back, but said he did so because he did not have any money, having given \$27.50 to McCann four blocks from the Suburban garden.

### Barrington's Career.

F. Seymour Barrington, self-styled "lord," represented himself to England in the British army after he came here late in 1902. He stopped at the Southern hotel and spent money lavishly. He was here when the war broke out, and he purchased mules for the British army in South Africa, and as a special representative of the English government to the Boers' fair. He soon after coming here he became acquainted with Miss Wilhelmina Grace Cochran, a daughter of the late John H. Cochran of Kansas City. He was married to her in 1903. He was supposed to be a heirless. She later repudiated him.

### Damaging Admission.

He had shot himself in what became of McCann or what the two men were doing on the St. Charles car at that time of night. An admission was made by Barrington that he had written a letter purporting to have been sent by McCann to his wife, which told her that he was with friends. When Barrington was brought into the police station he declared his innocence, saying: "I am innocent of the crime. As I sit here, I am innocent. I did not know that McCann was dead until I was arrested. If I had known that he was not have gone back to his home for I would have known that his body would have been found."

### Barrington Identified.

At the police station Barrington was positively identified by Ike Bennett, John Olefin and Charles Clark, of the St. Louis, St. Charles & Western railroad, as the man whom they saw carrying a trunk to the Bonifant station on the night of June 18, and as the man who walked back along the railroad tracks the next morning. During this case the St. Louis police were called in. Barrington, who since his release from the workhouse has been manager of a saloon, became a boarder at the McCann home a few weeks ago. James McCann was a member of a blue-blooded Kentucky family with a large estate and many horses, on the Winchester pike. His father was J. D. McCann.

McCann, who was 43 years of age, at one time owned many race horses and was a successful turfman. He was once identified in the racing business with Noah Armstrong, who owned Spokane, the winner of the Washington Park Derby some years ago.

## BOUND OVER TO THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY

Portland, Ore., June 27.—Miss Marie Ware, former United States commissioner at Eugene, and Horace G. McKinley, a timber land operator, who are charged with conspiracy to defraud the government out of public lands, were this afternoon bound over by United States Commissioner Sladen to await the action of the federal grand jury. Their bonds were fixed at \$200. Miss Ware furnished a bond and McKinley was given until Monday to procure bondsmen.

## POSTAL TELEGRAPH COMING TO SALT LAKE

Omaha, Neb., June 27.—Arrangements were completed here tonight between the Postal Telegraph company and the Union Pacific railway by which the former is given permission to construct a telegraph line along the right of way of the latter between Omaha and Ogden. In addition, the contract provides that a line along the same right of way from Cheyenne to Denver and from Ogden to Butte, Mont., along the right of way of the Oregon Short Line railroad.

Officers of the Postal Telegraph company say that the work on the construction of the new lines will begin at once and be pushed with the greatest rapidity to the westward. The line will be strung on the line from Omaha to Ogden.

## NORTH PACIFIC FLEET WILL SAIL FOR ALASKA

San Francisco, June 27.—Admiral Glass, with his flagship, the cruiser New York, and the cruisers Concord, Bennington, and Marblehead, of the North Pacific fleet, will sail out of the harbor probably on July 1, bound for a cruise along the Alaskan coast and among the Aleutian islands. The vessels are on good terms with the natives, possibly stopping at the navy yard at Bremerton and at Seattle. They will in all probability be at Seattle during the Fourth of July celebration.

## WILL NOT SELL OR LEASE THEIR CIGAR FACTORIES

Havana, June 27.—The independent cigar factories here have entered into an agreement not to sell or lease their factories or brands.

The Havana branch of the tobacco combine has sent circulars to the trade reannouncing the decision formerly taken and subsequently rescinded to the effect that it would not accept orders through Havana commission men. The latter do a considerable trade, especially with Germany.

## DISASTROUS FIRE IN TEXAS OIL FIELDS

Kansas City, June 27.—A special to the Star from Houston, Tex., says: A fierce fire is raging in the Sour Lake oil region. It began in Guffey's tanks, where thousands of barrels of oil are stored. The entire field is endangered. The fire started from an explosion.

## CAUGHT BY AVALANCHE.

Lucerne, Switzerland, June 27.—Three of the students belonging to the gymnasium of Airolo, canton of Ticino, were overwhelmed by an avalanche yesterday in the valley of Mount St. Gothard and were killed and four others were seriously injured.

## STOCK BROKERS FAIL.

Boston, June 27.—The failure of J. Francis Brown & Co., stock brokers, was announced today.